

**CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL PURPOSES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**



Minutes of a **Special Meeting of the General Purposes and Environment Committee** held on **9 March 2020** at the Parish Council Office, 7 Hampton Drive, Cronton, commencing at 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors D Rostance (Chairman), D Bray, W Cook, S Cooper, G McGann and D Thomas

**In attendance:** Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)

**73. APOLOGIES**

It was resolved that apologies for absence received from Councillors J Foran be accepted.

**74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was reported that no declarations of Interest were received.

**75. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

**76. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

OUT OF BOROUGH CONSULTATION

**REF. NO: 20/00069/NEI**

CASE OFFICER: Chloe Roberts

CONSULTEE: Halton Borough Council

LOCATION: Widnes Sixth Form College Cronton Lane Widnes

PROPOSAL: PROPOSED DEMOLITION, REFURBISHMENT AND EXTENSION TO TWO AREAS TO PROVIDE 24 NO. CLASS ROOMS, 1NO. TUTORIAL ROOM, 3 NO. STAFF ROOMS, GENERAL STORE, MALE AND FEMALE CHANGING FACILITIES, STUDENT WC'S, STAFF WC AND SHOWER ROOM, REMODELLED CIRCULATION SPACES INCLUDING NEW STAIRS AND LIFTS AND ENHANCEMENTS TO EXTERNAL ELEVATIONS INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS AND DOORS

**Key issues discussed:**

- Existing traffic congestion during the morning and afternoon rush hours.
- Construction traffic – route and time restrictions should be imposed.
- Effects on traffic congestion should there be an increase in student number.
- Facilities inside the college grounds should be provided for dropping off and picking up students.

**Observations on the planning application:**

Members were very concerned about the impact of the construction traffic on the already serious traffic congestion outside the Widnes Sixth Form College on Cronton Road in the early morning and in the afternoon when the classes finish. Traffic can back up to the junction of Sandy Lane/Cronton Road.

Suggestions:

1. Construction traffic flow should come via Halton.
2. No construction vehicles should be allowed during college rush hours.
3. Construction traffic should not aggravate the already bad traffic congestion.
4. As a solution for the college traffic congestion, facilities should be available for buses to drop off and pick up students inside the college grounds. This could reduce a large number of students queuing up at the traffic lights and bus stops outside the college. This is the main cause of the current congestion.

**It was resolved** that the above observations be submitted.

**The meeting closed at 7.30 pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 13 July 2020